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DUXBURY BEACH ASSOCIATION REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUXBURY BEACH ASSOCIATION:

A year ago I made a long written report to the Trustees for record purposes (herein called my 1933 Report); and in accordance with the suggestion therein am bringing it up to date by submitting this report covering the calendar year 1933.

I. STORM OF JANUARY 26, 27 and 28

On the above days there was a severe northeast storm accompanied by very high tides. The parking space at the north end of the beach was covered in some places as much as a foot with sand and rocks, and the parking space at the east end of the bridge was somewhat damaged. A few of the houses on the crest of the beach at its northerly end were washed away or destroyed and many of them were undermined or somewhat misplaced. The Bensusan house, which the Beach Association bought for \$100 a month before, was reported as having been carried to sea; at any rate it was a total loss. The gunning stand, formerly operated by Oscar Johnson and located about one-half mile north of the bridge, was completely destroyed, as the water came through the beach at that point. Immediately south of the bridge a tremendous lot of material was washed over the beach and is now deposited on the bay side. Water also came over the beach in numerous other places, about fifteen in all, making a number of gaps perhaps half or three-quarters of a mile south of the bridge. From a point somewhat northerly of High Pines the beach appeared not to have suffered very much damage, as the land for the most part is higher from that point southerly. The high tides covered Gurnet Road

with about one foot of water. There had been a deep hole between the Drew house and the Robinson house. This was completely filled with sand, and the Robinson house was taken off its underpinning.

Some photographs showing the storm damage are attached as Exhibit A to this report. For comparison and as a matter of record, there are also attached, as Exhibit B, some photographs which were taken in 1931 in connection with the second Land Court case. These latter photographs really belong with my last year's report.